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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

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SUBJECT:.. LATIN AMERICA'S POSITION IN UN VOTES

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1. WHAT IS LAUGHINGLY CALLED OUR INFORMATION SYSTEM SOMEWHAT GARBLED MY FAREWELL TO THE THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESS CONFERENCE. I WAS ASKED BY RICHARD C. HOTTELET " ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, WERE YOU REASSURED AT ALL BY THE SPLIT IN THIS SORT OF THIRD-WORLD BLOC THAT WAS SO POWERFUL LAST YEAR?" I ANSWERED THAT YES, FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS HUGE BLOC DID SPLIT "ON A WHOLE SERIES OF ISSUES-- SAHARA, TIMOR, ZIONISM," ON THAT LATTER, PERHAPS IMPRUDENTLY, I SAW THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE THAT A MAJORITY OF THE NONMOSLEM AFRICAN STATES VOTED WITH US, ADDITNG THAT WHERE WE LOST VOTES ON THAT ISSUE WAS IN LATIN AMERICA.

2. SORRY TO CAUSE YOU TROUBLE. I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT WE DID NOT GET THE LATIN SUPPORT ON THAT ISSUE WHICH WE MIGHT HAVE HOPED FOR. ON THE OTHER HAND, (AND LET ME FIND THE OCCASION TO SAY SO) LATIN SUPPORT WAS SOLID ON MANY CRUCIAL AREAS. I DID SAY THAT THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAS, WHICH I ADDRESSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 8. IN THE COURSE OF DOING SO I ADDED TO MY PRESTIGE AMONG THOSE MULTINATIONAL EXPLOITATIONIST
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BY NOTING MY FRIENDSHIP FROM ALIANZA DAYS WITH THAT

NOTORIOUS WASHINGTON LOBBYIST AND SPECIAL INTEREST
PLEADER THE PRESENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AMERICAN
AFFAIRS OR WHATEVER. I ALSO SAID IT AT A LUNCH I HAVE
FOR THE COSTA RICANS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR LEAVING
THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AND THAT TIME I REALLY MEANT IT.
SALAZAR WAS A MAGNIFICENT ALLY IN A DOZEN TIGHT SITUATIONS
WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THESE PAST SIX MONTHS. ALMOST THE
ONLY MAN ON THE COUNCIL, TO BE FRANK, WITH WHOM I FELT
A TRULY SHARED POINT OF VIEW.

3. I HAD BETTER SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT LATIN AMERICA
FAST, BECAUSE STARTING JANUARY ONE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE GUYANA AND PANAMA.

4. FELIZ NAVIDAD. I WOULDN'T HOWEVER COUNT TOO MUCH ON
THE NEW YEAR.

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